per present indications, the full-fledged PGF centres at Sambalpur and Bhawanipatna are likely to be made ready during 1997-98, subejct to completion of civil works and timely supply of equipment at the sites.

Publication of List of Bank Defaulters

149. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the newsitem published in the Indian Express dated 4th September 1995 under the caption "Bank Officers union demands publication of defaulters" and if so, whether it is a fact that All India Central Bank Officers Federation has demanded publication of lists of bank defaulters and if so, what is the reaction thereto;

(b) whether similar demand had been made earlier also and what action Government have taken to make the banking system transparent; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend provisions of lending prohibiting transparency; if so, when, and if not, the reasons for not doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

RBI has put in place a scheme to collect and disseminate information (both funded and non-funded facilities) aggregating Rs. 1.00 crore and above and whose accounts have been classified as 'doubtful' or 'loss' as also borrowers against whom suit have been filed. The information so collected is circulated to banks and financial institutions for their use. RBI has reported that they have received a request from All India Bank Officers' Confederation, Calcutta asking for disclosure of information relating to defaulting borrowers in the balance sheet of public sector banks. The list of defaulters circulated to banks and financial institutions cannot be published under the existing provisions relating to confidentiality of customers' accounts as available in various pieces of legislation. However, the list of suit filed accounts has been published already by RBI.

(c) The matter is being examined.

Diesel Power Station in Saurashtra Region

150. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sought technoeconomic clearance from the Central Electricity Authority for setting up of a diesel power station in Saurashtra region;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the E.C.A. has received all the required formalities from Gujarat Government in this regard;

(c) if so, by when the clearance will be granted; and

(d) the upto date details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Misuse of Protocol System

151. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a large scale misuse of protocol system and evasion of duty by Ministers and top bureaucrats of different Departments while clearing their goods without payment of customs duty resulting in revenue loss worth crores of rupees, as